

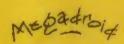
YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

Hev. Boomers,

Can you move? Are you lying around like a big barrage balloon from endless chomping through your umpteenth Christmas stocking! Well, the time has come to put down that turkey sandwich and pick on this, the last powerpacked issue for 1996 which features all new, faberoonie Sonic, Knuckles, Decap Attack and Sonic's World stories...

I'm in a state of shock as I write this as the humes-who-thinkthey're-in-charge gave me a copy of the game no Mega Drive owner should be without, Sonic 3-D, so I'll just leave you with this thought - a whole new year of STC's await you!

HERE'S TO CIRCUIT SHATTERING CELEBRATIONS!



COST

There's some not-so-good news and some great news concerning the next issue of STC! The not-so-good news is that the price is going up by just 5p from STC 95. Perhaps it's to keep Sonic in power sneakers, but one thing's for sure, even at £1.25 STC will still be providing you with the very best in comic entertainment each fortnight!

The great news is there's a fantastic Sonic Spinner cover gift (see right) - and that's just for starters as there's more fantastic aifts to follow (STC 96 comes with an exclusive Sonic badge). Plus, there's more mega surprises to

follow, so stick with STC and next issue vou'll be able to perform spin attacks worthy of Sonic himself!



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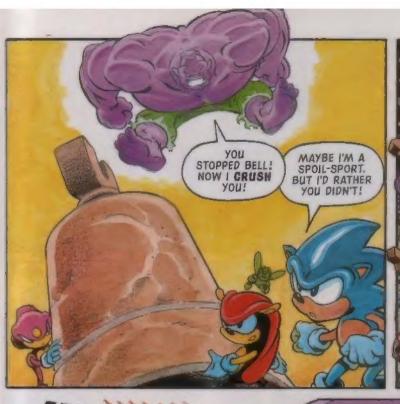
































YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM UNDER 40 - YAWHSVILLE 40-70 = MORMALSVILLE

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FIGHTING VIPERS

Reviewed by Chris Jones.

SATURN

GAME TYPE: 3-D BEAT 'EM-UP PLAYERS: 1-2

PUBLISHER: SEGA PRICE: £49.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW AGE SUITABILITY: ALL



The latest in arcade hits, Fighting Vipers has now burst on to the Saturn, a 3D beat 'em-up with street-cool fighters who are as hard as their armour. There are nine Fighting Vipers who all fight fast, full on, and in a frenzy for action-packed combat. 'Picky' is a cool skateboard fighter who uses his board as a weapon rather than

transport, while 'Bahn' is a vigilante gang leader whose fighting style is not at all honourable. All the other fighters have their own particular style of warfare but this game has two features that distinguish it from the Virtua Fighter series.

Firstly, all the characters have two sets of armour for both upper and lower body areas. This protects them until they lose it and then they are vulnerable. The armour can be broken off by 'Armour Breaker Moves' and then it flies off in a shower of sparks with a rapid reply from three dramatic angles. The other main feature that makes this game original are the walls. Each arena is enclosed by walls that are a crucial part of the gameplay. Use the walls to box opponents in, perform special moves off them

and even scale them and descend on your enemy.
These two features make for exciting and furious
gameplay.

Great animation ensures the fighting is quick and the great scenery means that battles are fought out in stunning arenas. The sound effects reflect the tornado-like fighting and with its extra features the game will keep you interested. These options include a training mode to practice in, which has a moves list and instructions on how to perform them. There is even a playback mode that allows you to save on to memory a resounding victory over a friend. These Fighting Vipers are awesome!





BUGS BUNNY IN DOUBLE TROUBLE

Reviewed by their Jones



GAME TYPE: PLATFORM PLAYERS: 1

PUBLISHER: WARNER BROTHERS PRICE: £39.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW AGE SUITABILITY: ALL



To some folk. Bugs Bunny is one of the coolest cartoon characters around. With his catch-phrase: "Whats up Doc". he always outwits his enemies and gets away with his mischievous behaviour. In Double Trouble: a new platform game for the Mega Drive, 'Bugs' once again finds himself in a pickle and it's up to you to make

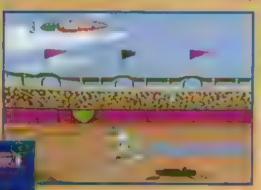


sure things work out for this sharp raphit.

The plot in this game involves a sleeping Bugs being attacked in dreamland by a mad scientist. This scientist wants Bugs Bunny's brain for his new robot, but our carrot crunching hero escapes, and using the scientists televisor, travels through dreamland. Bugs encounters his Looney Tune pals who are helping the



mad scientist (remember Daffy Duck, Elmer Fudd Yosemite Sam and Marvin the Martian?).



At the start of the game, Bugs gets a choice to set off on his adventure via two different routes. He

can opt for a jungle world full of rope ladders where Daffy Duck must be teased into following nim, or he can start in a bull-ring where Bugs must garn access to a secret underground world.

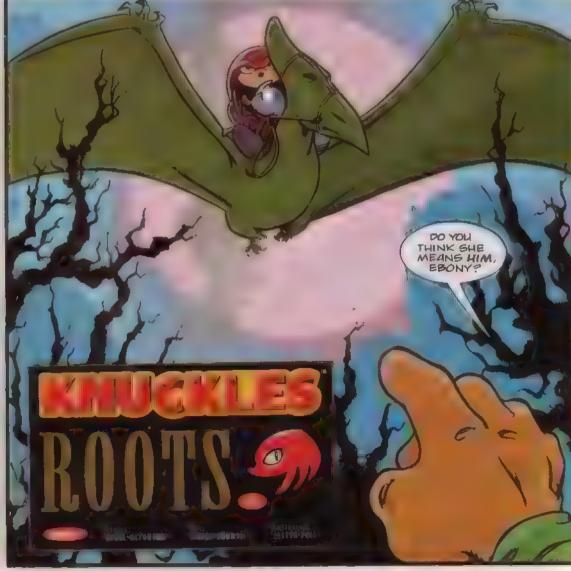
This platform game is a very average offering. The graphics and gameplay are nothing special and the sound is annoying.

The characters are good but no real thought has gone into how to use them in an original way. **Bugs Bunny** would not be amused!





























THE HUNGITY GUEST

SCRIPT NIGEL KITCHING & RICHARD RAYNER

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I WOULDN'T' GET TOO EXCITED IF I WERE YOU ...





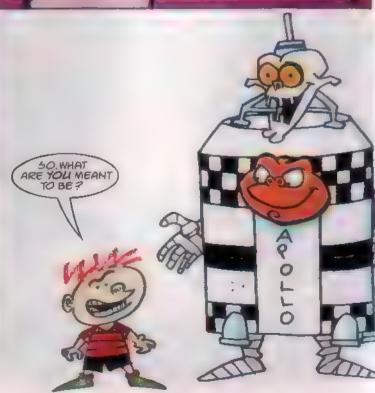


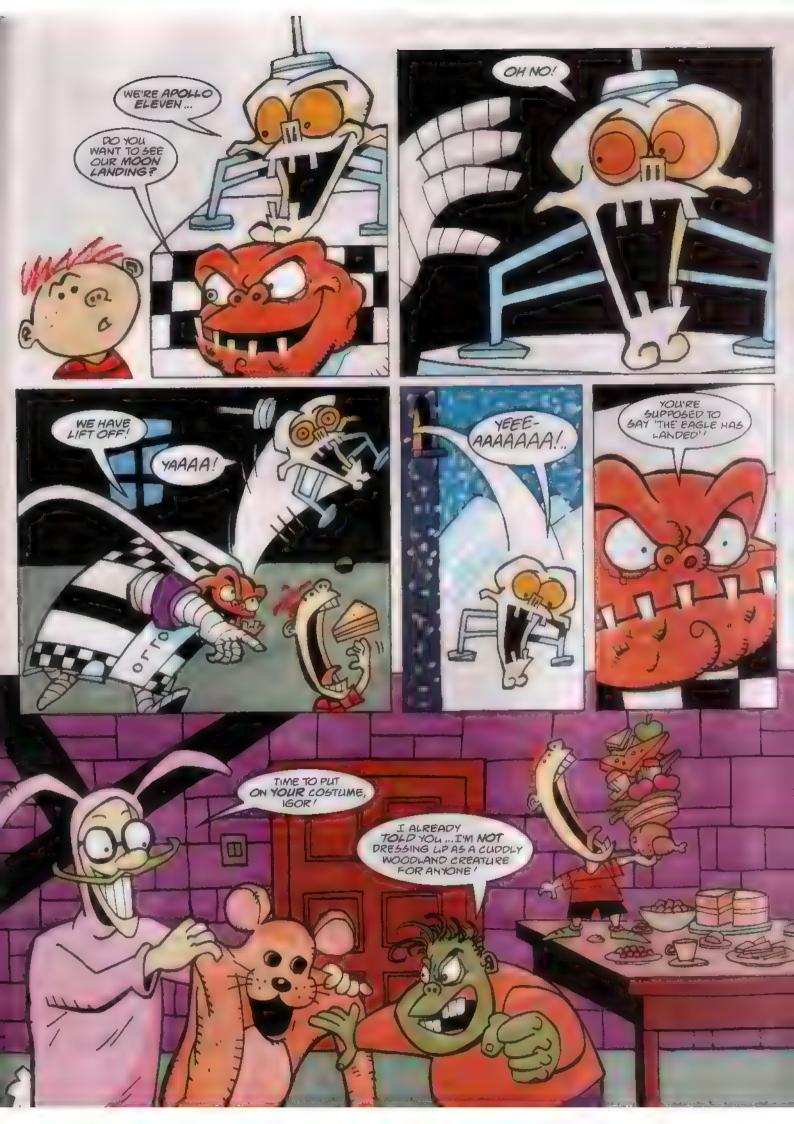






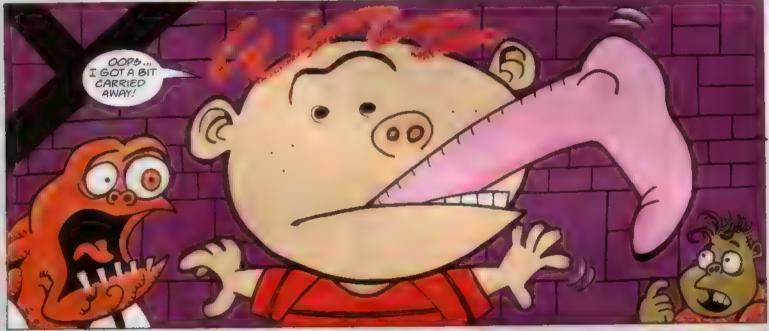








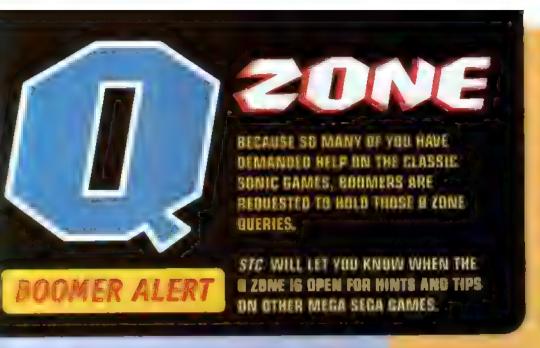














SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 3 Revisited



MEGA DRIVE

THE BOSSES [CONTD]

MARBLE GARDEN ZONE

ACT 1

TUNNELBOT

- Dash Attack through the wall to your right and you'll find yourself in a chamber with nasty Tunnelbot Badn ks to the upper right.
- Lumps of rock with fall from-above. Avoid the dagger-shaped rock and the Tunnelbot that zips down
- Take it out by carefulty ramming the Badnik as it descends from above.
- The end-of-act marker drops in from above, so rack
 up those points and try to get a bonus TV.

ACT 2

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S JET DRILL POD

• Quickly get Sonic to the far left corner and wait

for Robotnik to appear from above in his evil new machine.

- As soon as he's within range, leap up and ram him (it's possible to get in three solid hits).
- Robotnik's machine will then drop to the ground so ram that too! It should then fall from under you.
- Mever fear, Tails is here! Tails will grab Sonic and carry him into the sky. Move him across to the middle upper part of the screen and leap off hard at Robotnik. Bounce off him hard to avoid the pod's jet engines.
- Carefully position Tails so that Sonic can jump off on to Robotnik and bounce off him as he enters the screen.
- You can get in more than one hit if your timing is good and you bounce off him hard enough.
- After eight hits, the Jet Drill explodes. Your furry friends' prison ship floats in from above, enabling Tails to ram it and release him.

CARLITY WIGHT ZONE

ACT 1

SELF D-STRUCT MACHINE

This dude is quite tough to beat if you don't keep your wits about you. All you have to do is get it to destroy itself!

 As the D-Struct Machine drops in from above, stand to the left of it.

- As the blade separates from the body and flies up, try to keep as close as possible to the main body. The only way to beat it is to get the blade to ram the main body when it is open and extended.
- After four hits, it explodes and you drop down to the next act!
- At the bottom, you can leap up and bounce on the end-of-act marker to rack up your score!

ACT 2 DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S ENERGY SHIP

- Robotnik will enter from the upper right in his ship.
- He will drop a ball from his ship, which you have to avoid. Robotnik will position his ship over it, creating an energy charge which sucks Sonic in!
- Push hard in the opposite direction and jump to avoid being pulled in. The suction will stop and Robotnik will descend to pick up the ball. Here's your chance...
- Quickly leap up and ram his ship. When he has collected the ball, you can still ram him, watch out as he'll drop the ball again soon after.
- When the ball has stopped moving, you can ram him again quickly, then move away to avoid the energy vortex.
- Repeat the above moves until you have hit him eight times. His ship will explode and go off to the right. You can follow him and release Sonic's friends again.

ICE-CAP ZONE

ACT 1

ICEBALL

This frigid droid sucks up ice balls which it uses to encircle itself with.

- Keep Sonic over to the right of the screen and wait for the Badnik to appear. Go to the upper left corner and then.back to the right, above him. When the ice balls fly up, ram the Badnik as quickly as possible. The ice balls will drop from above - so avoid them!
- Keep to the far right and the process will be repeated again, with the ice balls being drawn in

from under Sonic to circle the droid. The Badnik will move to the upper left corner. Pause, then dash across to the left underneath until the ice balls have gone - then ram it!

 After five hits, Iceball will explode and you can nit the end-of-act marker for those crucial extra points.

ACT 2 DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S FREEZE-O-MATIC

- Robotnik will drop in from the upper right in his latest contraption.
- Move Sonic left and wait for Robotnik to start
 moving towards you. As he approaches, an ice spray
 will blast out from underneath and left of his
 machine.
- Leap on to the platform under his ship and ram him quickly, then leap off it.
- Wait for Robotnik to fire off an icy spray straight down from under his ship, then leap on to the platform and ram him again. If Sonic gets caught in the spray, he'll be frozen into an ice block and lose his rings.
- If you keep calm and choose your moment carefully, you can take Robotnik out quite easily.
- Wait for the moment he fires a spray from directly under his ship and you will have an excellent chance of getting in a quick hit against him.
- Once the Freeze-O-Matic explodes, head right and hit the button to release Sonic's pals from captivity.



Next issue: Concluding battle with the final Boss!









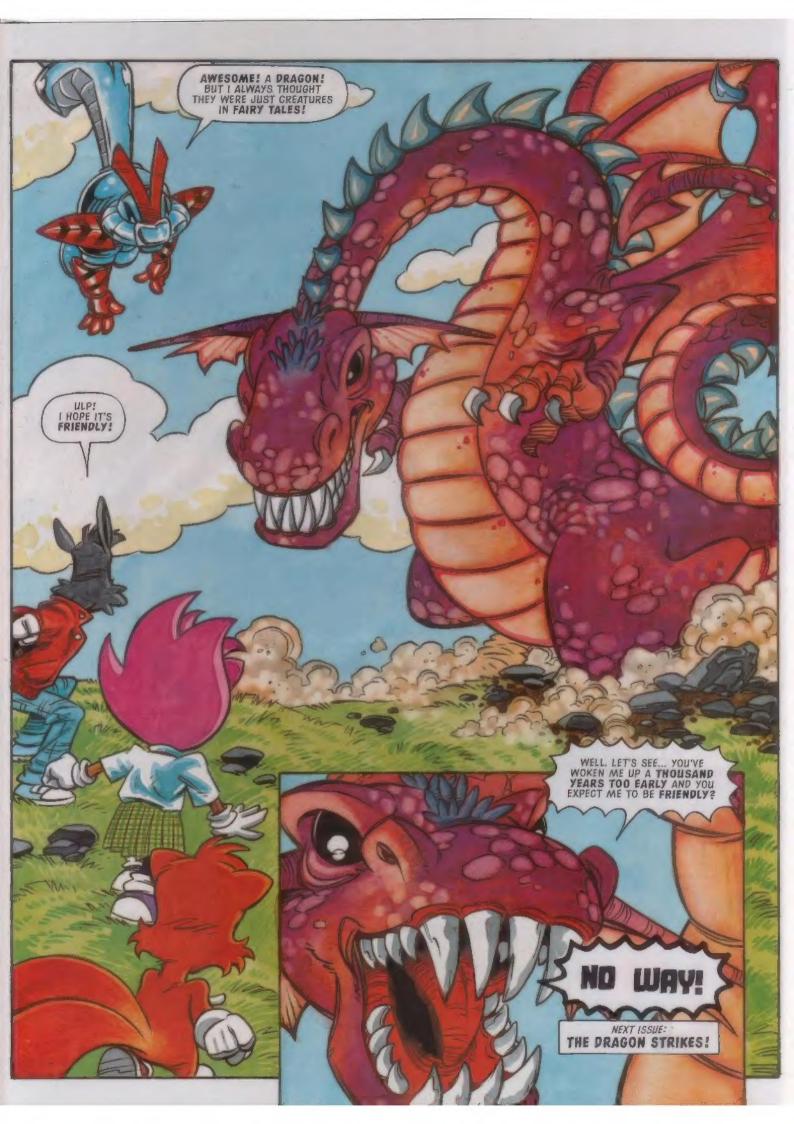














NO CLASS!

Dear STC,

Why do teachers always confiscate the best comics?
An STC-less Carlos Ferlance & Caleb Klaces, Moseley,
Birmingham.
Sonic & Knuckles Hog Tag Winners.



Give your teacher a break, boys. She/he probably just wanted a good read!



Date Phillipa Johnson, Ingleby Barwick, Stockton. Sonic & Knuckles Hog Tag Winner.

DATA STROP!

Dear STC.

In my opinion the Data Strip at the back of the comic is a waste of space and a stupid idea, which is a shame because everything else is just great!

Stefan Evans, Dublin, Rep. of Ireland. Sonic & Knuckles Hog Tag Winner.

OK Stefan, you'll be relieved to learn that the Data Strip is no more after this issue -

however, a big thank-you to everyone who sent them in in the past!







Martin Wright, Heaton Norris, Stockport. Sonic & Knuckles Hog Tag Winner.

KRISTIAN ORDERS!

Dear STC,

This is a message for Sonic which he should take special care to follow: I demand that you kill everybody in the city, because if you don't, I will turn you into hedgehog soup! Got it!

Kristian Stevenson-Edmunds, Carmunnock, Scotland. Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



Worth a try, Kristian, but something tells me you'd be the one who'd end up in the soup!



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YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 94

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